

children and our communal witness to Christ bind us together in your name. Forgive our tendency toward separation and division, and remind us that we are your Easter people.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When we walk in the light of Christ, we have fellowship with one another.

When we confess our sins, the One who is faithful and just forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

For in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has showered mercy upon the entire world. In the name of our risen savior Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please pass the Friendship Pads, and sign in to let us know you were here this morning.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Grams

While the children are coming forward, we invite the congregation to sing:

Jesus loves me, this I know.

ANTHEM

“Thy Word”

arr. Lloyd Larson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dear God, as we hear your word, may we be transformed into a true community of believers, ready to go into the world to serve others and to testify that Christ is alive and active in our lives today. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 4:32-35

Reflection

Ken Locke

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 133 & 134

SERMON

“Service and Unity”

*HYMN

“Together We Serve”

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (“Modern Affirmation of Faith” from the United Methodist Church)

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

OFFERING (All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)

OFFERTORY “Prelude on the Welsh Tune “Hyfrydol” Rowland Prichard

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN “The Day of Resurrection!” 233

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE “Laudation” Gilbert Martin
(You are invited to stay seated for the postlude and use the time to reflect on the service. Our organist works hard each week to prepare a postlude that connects to the service and glorifies God.)

**COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK AND INVITE YOUR
NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

**We are an Easter people,
Alleluia is our song!**

-St. Augustine

April-May Easter Season Worship Themes

Sunday 4/8: "Service and Unity" Acts 4:32-35, 100 years of Boy Scouts at FPC

Sunday 4/15: "Showing up" Luke 24:36-48, Visit from mission partner from Mexico,
Hastings College Handbell Choir

Sunday 4/22: Senior Recognition Sunday, Psalm 23 and John 10:11-18

Sunday 4/29: "Guiding and Teaching" Acts 8:26-40

Sunday 5/6: Confirmation Sunday, Confirmands' Statements of Faith

Sunday 5/13: "A Spirit of Wisdom" Ephesians 1:15-23, Mother's Day

Sunday 5/20: Pentecost in the Park! Acts 2:1-21 Shared worship
and potluck with the Episcopal Church in Chautauqua Park

***First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sharing the love of Christ in the heart of Hastings since 1873***

Head of Church: Jesus Christ

Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

Director of Children & Family

Ministries: Stephanie Brader

Organist: Linda Vollweiler

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer

Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson

Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady

Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

Accompanists: Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

Ministers: Members of the Church

Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Heitmann

Director of Adult Education &

Spiritual Formation: Kili Wenburg

Parish Associate: Rev. Don Canady

Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Music Coordinator: Tim Canady

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Announcements

April 8, 2018

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Lois and Lester Beahm by Cindy and Terry Beahm and family.

Today's service will be broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings and on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

For those living at Good Samaritan Village - today's service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

A copy of any Sunday service is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Tarci at 402-462-5147 or tarci@fpchastings.org.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Dawna Whitcomb at 402-469-4805 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Flowers are given in memory of Henrietta Morhart, Frank Morhart, Doris Kovar Morhart, and Dr. Louis J. Kovar.

April 8, 2018:

Ushers (Team #2): Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Brian Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Al Meyer – Captain, Clyde Sachtleben, Carter Wenburg, Troop 200 Scouts

Greeters: Ted & Lori Schroeder, Kathy Utter, Troop 200 Scouts

Acolytes: Jonah Snell, Selah Wenburg

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Abby Shetler

Prayers for: Lynn Barrows, Judy Brown, Ruth Caldwell, Stacy & son Ty Chapel, Fiona (Louie & Kristen) Eckhardt, Stacy Eddleman, Zelma Fobben, Celia & Wayne Ganow, Bonnie Grams, Irmise (& Elmer) Heeren, Kathy (& Steve) Illingworth, Lois Katt (Barbara Sunderman's mom), Mary Kay LaMaster, Richard & Wanda Langer, Mary (& Jim) Lewis, Teresa Luther, Dwight & Jane Marsh (Edie Perdew, Dwight's sister), Carol Medsker, Larry & Carolyn Nowka, Ramona Shetler, Erv & Betty Lou Siemoneit (Shirley Maul & Sandy Siemoneit's parents), Elaine & son Jonathan Specht, Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in-law), Beth (Peggy Thomson's sister), Audrey Watson and families.

Condolences to: Teresa Luther for the loss of her mother, Betty Jean "B.J." Luther, who died March 29th in Holdrege, NE. Memorial Mass was held last Wednesday, April 4th in Holdrege.

Offerings for **One Great Hour of Sharing** will be accepted throughout the month of April.



Cleaning Out Your Closets???

The First Presbyterian Church Mission committee would love to receive your gently used winter coats for our coat drive that will be held in October. Coats of all sizes are needed for Men, Women and Children. (Adult XL and XXL are in high need) Donations accepted now through October at First Presbyterian Church (large box in the Memorial Room), Hastings YMCA and Pershing Orthodontics. If anyone is interested in assisting with minor mending and or cleaning, please contact Sharon Brooks at 402-705-4905. We are truly blessed to have such a giving community to help others in need. Please help get the word out before garage sale season so we can get a good start.

Update from Hands Around the World Store:

A new shipment of coffee has arrived!

And try our new product: organic Sunday morning pancake mix!

Open 9am-12noon on Sundays during the school year, come check us out!

Parenting Workshop
Saturday, April 14, 1-5 p.m.
 1st Presbyterian Church, 7th and Lincoln Ave.
FREE Workshop! FREE Childcare!
 Community Welcome!!



Children don't come with instruction manuals, but help is on the way!
 Workshop will provide expert advice, instruction, and encouragement from **Dr. Nancy Foster, University of Nebraska Medical Center professor and clinician specializing in pediatric psychology.**
 Especially suitable for parents with children ages 0-12.

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**Ann L. Binfield and Chip Essex Memorial Scholarships** are now available. Applications may be found on the glass shelf in front of the church office, or online at: [www.fpchastings.org/scholarships/](http://www.fpchastings.org/scholarships/). Deadline is May 11, 2018.  
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The Story Behind the Coffee



Why do we sell Cafe Justo coffee in our Hands Around the World Store?
Come find out!!
FORUM: April 22, 9:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall



Special guest **Adrian Gonzalez**, visiting from southern Mexico, will share how his company (Cafe Justo) combines great coffee with environmental stewardship, minimizing immigration, and serving God.

Adult Sunday School interest survey

**Please check the boxes for items that would make you want to come to an adult Sunday School class.*

**If you feel neutral about an item, leave it blank.*

▪ **FORMAT**

- Location of class is not at the church (eg. at a coffee shop or Russ's)
- Class includes time for small talk
- Refreshments are served
- Class includes time for discussion of the topic
- Class meets only 3 or so weeks at a time and then takes a break
- There is reading or other suggested reflection between Sunday sessions
- Nothing is required of participants between Sunday sessions

▪ **CONTENT**

- Class is a serious Bible study
- Class studies/discusses a book (non-scriptural)
- Each week has its own topic
- Topics are addressed more deeply through a series of classes

▪ **PARTICIPANTS**

- Class is designated for people in your age range
- Class is only for women or only for men
- Class includes diversity of age, gender, and perspective

▪ **LEADER**

- Same leader each Sunday
- Variety of individuals take turns leading the class
- Class is led by an expert
- Class leader is similar in knowledge to class participants

▪ **OTHER**

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If you currently participate in adult Sunday School, why do you do so?

If you currently do not participate in adult Sunday School, what do you do instead from 9:15-10:15 on Sunday mornings?

Topics you'd be interested in addressing through an adult class:

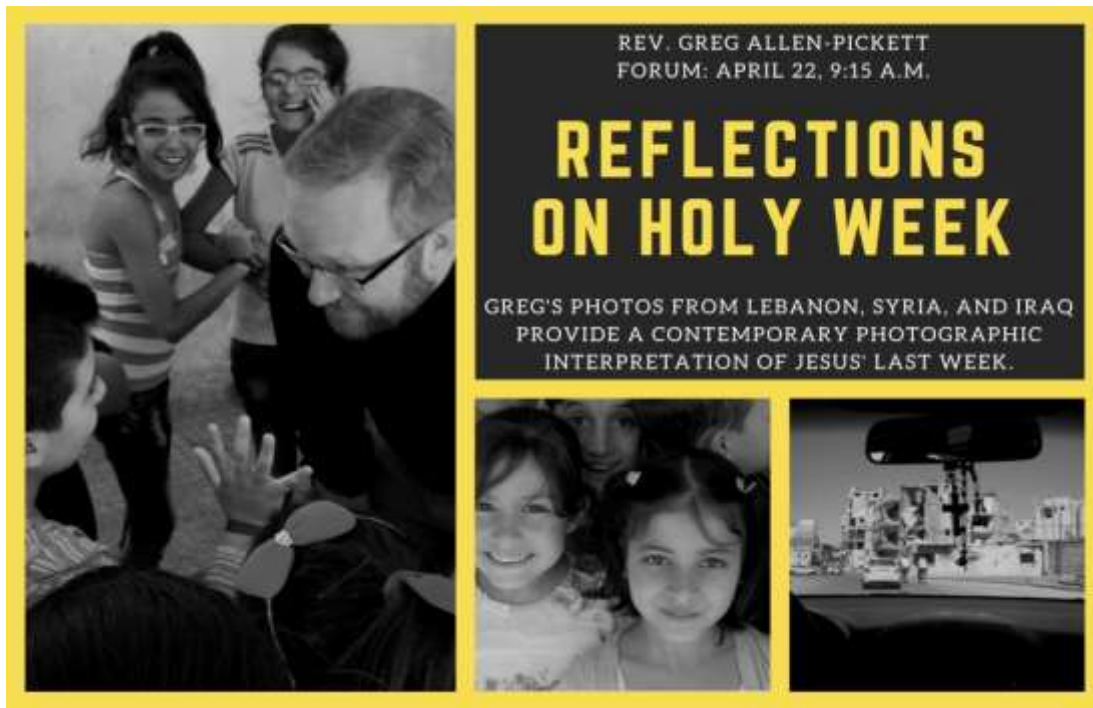
Other comments about the adult education program?

How do you prefer to get info about upcoming classes? (Circle all that apply.)

Home Page
Bulletin

Facebook
Fliers on church doors

Weekly "Learn, Grow, Serve!" email Kili sends out
Other _____



This Week --- Apr. 9 – Apr. 14, 2018

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| Mon, Apr. 9 | 5:00p-6:00p | HSO Meeting in Anderson Conference Room |
| | 7:00p-9:00p | Boy Scouts Meet in Scout Room |
| | 7:30p-9:30p | Chorus of the Plains Practice in Choir Room |
| Tue, Apr. 10 | 10:30a-11:30p | Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office |
| | 12:00p-1:00p | Adult Education Meeting in the Parlor |
| | 12:00p-1:00p | Bible Study in Anderson Conference Room |
| | 1:00p | Quilters Meet in Annex |
| | 5:30p-6:30p | Congregational Life Committee Meeting in the Parlor |
| | 5:30p-6:30p | Trustees Meeting in Anderson Conference Room |
| | 5:30p-6:30p | Life Source Dance Class in NE Classroom, Annex |
| | 6:30p-8:00p | Financial Peace University Class |
| | 7:00p-8:00p | CCC Dog Obedience Class in NE Classroom, Annex |
| Wed, Apr. 11 | 7:00a-8:00a | Bible@Breakfast in the Parlor |
| | 4:00p-6:00p | WNL Activities (Pre-K thru 5 th Grades) |
| | 6:00p-6:45p | WNL Family Time Meal (All Ages Welcome!) |
| | 6:30p-8:00p | Wood Carvers Meet in Basement |
| | 6:45p-7:30p | Chancel Choir Practice |
| | 6:45p-7:30p | Cal/West Choir Practice (6 th thru 12 th Grades) |
| | 7:30p-8:15p | Chancel Bells Practice |
| | 7:30p-8:15p | WNL Bible Study/Fellowship Jr./Sr. High (6 th thru 12 th Grades) |
| Thu, Apr. 12 | 4:15p-5:45p | Global Mission Committee Meeting in the Parlor |
| | 5:00p-6:00p | Personnel Meeting in Kessler Room |
| | 6:30p-7:30p | Spanish Class in NW Classroom, Annex |
| Fri, Apr. 13 | 10:00a-12:00p | Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room |
| Sat, Apr. 14 | 1:00p-5:00p | Fellowship Hall & Basement Youth Room |